

# MINUTES OF THE

# **Edina Transportation Commission**

Thursday, April 16, 2009 Edina City Hall 4801 West 50<sup>th</sup> Street Council Chambers

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Paul Mooty, Steve Brown, Geof Workinger, Jennifer Janovy, Warren Plante, Usha Abramovitz

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Tom Bonneville, Julie Sierks, Marc Usem, Jean White

#### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Jack Sullivan, Sharon Allison

### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by chair Workinger.

### II. Comments

#### a. Chairman Comments

Chair Workinger welcomed new member Commissioner Abramovitz to the ETC.

#### b. Public Comments - None

### III. Approval of Minutes

# a. Regular Meeting of January 15, 2009

Commissioned Brown moved to approve the minutes of January 15, 2009. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mooty. All voted age. Motion carried.

#### IV. Old Business

No old business – February and March meetings were cancelled.

### V. New Business

# a. Voting for Chair/Vice-Chair

Commissioner Plante nominated Commissioner Workinger to continue as the chair. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Brown. All voted aye.

Commissioner Brown nominated Commissioner Mooty to be the vice-chair. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Janovy. All voted aye.

### **b.** Halifax Avenue NTMP

Assistant city engineer Sullivan explained that in November 2007 residents signed a petition requesting that the City look at adding calming measures to their street as part of the ETC's NTMP. Mr. Sullivan continued that in February 2008 the petition was brought to the ETC and at that time plans were already in place to install a sidewalk. He said the commission postponed action on the petition until after the sidewalk was completed to evaluate how the

residents feel about the sidewalk assessment, plus the assessment for the calming measures. Mr. Sullivan said staff would like to move forward with the petition and if the ETC agrees, a survey would be sent to the residents. He said return on the surveys must be a minimum of 51% with at least 65% in favor of the calming measures and assessment. Estimated cost is not known at this time.

After discussion, it was agreed upon that a survey would be sent to residents.

## c. Attendance Policy Requirements

Assistant city engineer Sullivan said Section 180, Attendance Policy for Boards and Commission, stipulates meeting attendance requirements for certain boards and commissions. He said meeting is defined as regular monthly, special and council workshops and must be attended at least 75% of the time within a calendar. He said failure to attend three consecutive meetings could result in removal from the board or commission.

# VI. Planning Commission Update (Commissioner Brown)

Commissioner Brown said there has been limited redevelopment due to the economy. He said they are spending most of their time doing ordinance modification.

## VII. Bike Edina Task Force Update (Commissioner Janovy)

Commissioner Janovy reported that the ETC is now receiving minutes. She said the City was awarded a \$250,000 grant from Transit for Livable Communities to develop a north/south bike route.

#### VIII. Staff Comments

# a. Workshop with Council – May 19, 5:30 p.m.

A workshop is planned for the Council and ETC.

# b. Greater Cornelia Area/West 70<sup>th</sup> Street Resolution

On March 17, the Council adopted a resolution for the Greater Cornelia Area/West 70<sup>th</sup> Street Traffic Study. Implementation which could begin by the end of 2009 was approved in three phases: 1) Lowest cost approach--eight things that can be done; 2) Traffic signal at West Shore; 3) Roundabouts at Highway 100 and West 70<sup>th</sup> Street.

Meeting adjourned.